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SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : தமிழகத்தில் சிறந்த தலைவராகிய வ. உ. சிதம்பரம் அவர்களுடைய உருவத்தை தபால் பில்லைகளில் போடுவதற்கு நமது அரசாங்கம் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்திற்கு சிபார்சு செய்திருக்கிறதா ? இது தமிழகத்திற்கு அளிக்கின்ற கௌரவம் ஆகாதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இதைப்பற்றி மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு சிபார்சு செய்யவேண்டிய அவசியம் இல்லை. அவர்கள் நாம் சிபார்சு செய்யாமலேயே இம்மாதிரி விஷயங்களை செய்துவருகிறார்கள். இந்த இலாக்காவைச் சேர்ந்த மத்திய சர்க்கார் மந்திரிக்கு இதைப்பற்றி தெரியும்.

SRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI : தலைவர்களை கௌரவிப்பதற்காக இருக்கும்பொழுது, அந்தத் தபால் தலைகளை, அதாவது பாரதியார் போன்றவர்கள் தபால் தலைகளை கொஞ்சநாளைக்கு போட்டுவிட்டு நிறுத்திவிடுகிறார்கள். இவைகளை தொடர்ந்து போடுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : நம் நாட்டுத் தலைவர்களை விளம்பரம் செய்வதற்காக தபால் தலைகள் இல்லை என்பதை கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்கு தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

Fair Price Shops

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I suggest that question Nos. 519 to 522 may be taken up together.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes.

*** 510 *Q*.**—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Fair Price or relief shops for rice opened in the City of Madras and what are the figures, divisionwar before the recent rains and floods;

(*b*) the number opened after floods and gale havoc during the month of November 1960; and

(*c*) the number opened in slum areas?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The number of Fair Price shops for rice opened in the City of Madras before the floods and rains was 52. All these 52 shops were opened by the T.U.C.S. in their respective branches in the City. So, Fair Price Shops were opened immediately after the floods and gale havoc during the month of November 1960. However, during December 1960, 44 more shops have been opened. A statement[a] showing the divisionwar distribution of the 96 shops which were functioning on 31—12—1960 in the City is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 85–86 infra.

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(c) No separate Fair Price Shops has been opened exclusively to cater the people dwelling in slum areas. The 96 shops so far opened in the City cater to the needs of all the poor people including slum dewellers.

* 520 Q.—Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Fair Price Shops have been opened in Tiruttani taluk, Chingleput district, for seling rice;

(b) if so, how many, taluk-war; and

(c) the amount of rice sold in them per month?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Twenty two Fair Price Shops in Tiruttani taluk and nineteen Fair Price Shops in Pollipet sub-taluk have been opened.

(c) A quantity of 260 bags or 520 maunds or rice per month is sold in each Fair Price Shop.

* 521 Q.—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of Fair Price Shops opened so far during the current year and the total quantity of rice issued through these shops, month by month up to December 1960?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A total number of 441 Fair Price Shops have been opened in the State as a whole up to 31—12—1960. A quantity of 1882 tons has been issued up to 15—12—1960 through the shops according to the information available.

* 522 Q.—Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the T.U.C.S. branches in the City of Madras are allowed to sell rice to the public as Fair Price Shops;

(b) how many such branches of T.U.C.S. have been opened to sell rice in slum areas ; and

(c) how many instances of T.U.C.S. branches indulging in black marketing activities have been brought to the notice of the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 52 branches of the T.U.C.S. functioning in Madras City are distributing rice. These shops, though they are not directly located in slum areas, cater not only to the needs of the poorer people in the built up areas but also to those living in the slums.

(c) Only one case in which a branch of the T.U.C.S. was alleged to have sold 16 Madras Measures to a person without bill has been reported. The matter is under investigation